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1 AMENDMENT TO HOUSE BILL 5699

2 AMENDMENT NO. \_\_\_\_\_. Amend House Bill 5699 on page 4, by  
3 replacing lines 7 through 9 with the following:

4 "beliefs as those held by that religious institution; provided,  
5 however, that:

6 (1) the best interest of the child must always be the  
7 primary factor in placement decisions;

8 (2) an agency's religious preference for placement  
9 must never override the birth parent's religious  
10 preference in making a placement decision;

11 (3) if an agency uses religion as a factor in making a  
12 placement decision, this must be disclosed to prospective  
13 adoptive applicants before any fees are accepted by the  
14 agency; and

15 (4) if an agency uses religion as a factor in making a  
16 placement decision, this must be disclosed to all birth  
17 parents seeking counseling or placement services at the  
18 outset of services."